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SUBJ: USGS TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH MOROCCO

1. ALBERT P. MARRANZINO, USGS GEOCHEMIST, HELD VERY
USEFUL TWO DAY CONSULTATIONS WITH TECHNICAL-LEVEL OFFICIALS
OF GOM DIVISION DE LA GEOLOGIE APRIL 12 AND 13. VISIT
INCLUDED COMPLETE TOUR OF GOM GEOLOGY LABORATORIES AND
MEETINGS WITH AHMED DEMNATI, CHIEF OF GEOPHYSICAL AND
GEOCHEMICAL SECTION, AS WELL AS WITH LABORATORY HEAD
ERBAHI AND SEVERAL LABORATORY DIVISION CHIEFS.
MARRANZINO WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE MANY CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE NEW MOROCCAN GEOLOGY LABORATORY ON THE SPOT
AND PLANS TO SEND FURTHER MATERIALS ON OTHER FACETS OF
PLANNING A GEOLOGICAL LABORATORY. MARRANZINO WAS OPENLY
AND WARMLY RECEIVED WITH THE MOROCCANS CLEARLY PLEASED
TO RECEIVE HIS MANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. AS WAS CLEAR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEMNATI, THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN USGS AND THE DIVISION DE LA GEOLOGIE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS VISIT HAS REKINDLED INTEREST IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND THAT RAPID PROGRESS ON NEGOTIATING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATION COULD BE MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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